



**COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FORT SMITH
MEETING 03-18
THE FIRST REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL FOR
THE MONTH OF MARCH AND THE
THIRD FOR THE YEAR 2018**

PRESENT: Mayor L. Napier-Buckley D/M K. Smith
 Cr. R. Patel Cr. B. McArthur
 Cr. B. Tuckey Cr. R. Holtorf
 Cr. A. Dumont Cr. E. Bell

REGRETS: Cr. Kikoak

STAFF: K. Morrison, Senior Administrative Officer
 L. Pierrot, Executive Secretary

GALLERY: Sergeant Jesse Gilbert, Don Jaque

Meeting 03-18
March 13, 2018

7:00 PM
Council Chambers

A. CALL TO ORDER & CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Mayor Napier-Buckley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and confirmed a quorum of Council was present.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

18-061 Moved by: Cr. McArthur
 Seconded by: Cr. Dumont

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr. Patel entered the meeting.

C. PRESENTATIONS

a. RCMP Delegation

- i. Police Report – The RCMP police report for February 2018 was reviewed. Sgt. Gilbert presented the police report. He indicated that the COP Program application has been provided to Mayor and Council. He advised that the manager of the Alberta COP Program will be coming to Fort Smith for the AWG. He advised that he has volunteers from the Fort Smith Metis Council and requested a volunteer from the Town Fort Smith. He indicated that he will be meeting with the Manager of the Alberta COP Program and volunteers on Tuesday, March 20, 2018. He requested media coverage from the Town on the COP Program, highlighting the involvement of the partnering organizations. Cr. Bell asked for the time that the meeting is scheduled for on March 20, 2018. Sgt. Gilbert advised that once he receives confirmation from volunteers from the Town, he will schedule a time. Cr. Bell advised that she can attend the meeting and will provide contact information. She suggested that information on the COP program be provided at the Thebacha Trade Show on April 28, 2018. Administration asked for clarification on what the RCMP is requesting from the Town. Sgt. Gilbert advised that there is no financial assistance required and the initial start up is the responsibility of the RCMP. Cr. Holtorf asked how many volunteers are required for the program. Sgt. Gilbert advised that it would be ideal to start with 6 to 15 volunteers. Cr. Tuckey advised of a person texting and driving through the JBT parking lot



nearly hitting a child. She requested RCMP complete patrols at the JBT backway parking lot, during pick up and drop off times. Sgt. Gilbert advised that he will make efforts to be present during those times. Cr. Patel asked if the Smith Landing and Salt River First Nations were consulted with regarding the COP Program. Sgt. Gilbert advised that the Salt River First Nation declined to participate and that no attempts have been made to consult with Fort Smith Landing as they fall under Alberta jurisdiction. Cr. Bell advised that there has been some vandalism of vehicles recently. She indicated that her brother's vehicle was broken into and damages done to the vehicle, police were called at 7:30 am and was advised to call back at 9:00 am when there is someone in the office. She asked what happens in that situation and to make that urgent enough for a RCMP member to be called out. Sgt. Gilbert advised that the call was not forwarded to any RCMP member and currently being reviewed. Cr. Bell asked what plans are being formulated during AWG to deal with the vehicle vandalism and will the extra police staff be made aware of the situation. Sgt. Gilbert advised that there will be nine additional RCMP members; four completing 24-hour shifts starting on March 16, 2018, four members policing the AWG and one traffic member. He advised that the additional police officers will be made aware of the vehicle complaints. Mayor Napier-Buckley asked for clarification of the extra members that will be dispatched to Fort Smith. Sgt. Gilbert advised that nine members will be brought into Fort Smith and nine members will be sent to Hay River. Administration advised that there is a lack of territorial justice support in regards to youth crime, and asked if there is something that the Town can lobby to the GNWT regarding the youth. Sgt. Gilbert advised that all youth programs are operated out of the territories and suggested consulting with a social services worker for information. Cr. Holtorf asked if the NWTAC provided information regarding youth programs. Cr. Tuckey advised that there are no past or present resolutions from the NWTAC.

b. Don Jaque Delegation

- i. Save Our College Petition – The petition was reviewed. Mr. Jaque presented the Save our College Petition. He indicated that the petition was signed by over 200 people. He noted that many of the concerns received were that the College used to provide many programs and services which have now diminished. He indicated that he was unable to get the report that was submitted to the Aurora College consultant. He thinks that report should be public as it's a represents the residents of Fort Smith. He advised that the purpose of the petition is to give Council more support with hopes to get the MLA and Council to work together to be proactive into the future, in terms of expanding the college. He indicated that the TEP Program has contributed to the local economy, increasing aboriginal teachers, teaching the local culture, and growing local professionals that become mentors to the children. He noted that saving the College is a territorial issue which needs to be addressed with the MLA. He advised that the issue needs to be pushed forward as a territorial issue where the TEP and Social work program are the main concern. He indicated that the Aurora College is administered by the deputy minister as opposed to the previous Board of Directors. He indicated that the previous Board of Directors were able to successfully provide good programs and services, but without the Board, the Town has to dispute with the deputy minister. He advised that the intent of the petition is to be used as an instrument for Council to utilize in efforts to bring the Minister of Education and give the people of Fort Smith an opportunity to meet with the MLA. He commended the Mayor, Council and SAO for the work they do in their roles and thanked them for all that they do for the Town of Fort Smith. He noted that issue has to be taken from an informative position, talk to people and get information. He would like to provide help in gathering all that information to provide Council with the tools they need to save the college. He noted that he worked on having the Mount Aven building inspected where asbestos that was



found, contained, and repainted and is now deemed safe to be occupied. He added that the College is currently losing residents without Mount Aven being utilized and that it is heated and can be occupied for staff housing, residence, or a daycare.

Cr. McArthur commended Mr. Jaque on his work and asked if the petition needs to be forwarded anywhere. Mr. Jaque advised that a copy of the petition will be given to the MLA's Executive Assistant and the original was provided to Council. Cr. McArthur thinks the petition is excellent, he supports the intent of the petition and hopes that the community of Fort Smith does not lose anymore college programs and services. Cr. Tuckey commended Mr. Jaque on the petition, she asked what are the next steps moving forward. Mr. Jaque suggested starting with MLA's and community representatives. He added there are a lot of people in the community that would like to help and would support Council on this matter. He indicated that he would like more initiatives to encourage the college students. He suggested closing Field Street and have a street party for college students to show community appreciation with hopes that would increase enrollment at the Thebacha Campus. He suggested to complete an evaluation of the economic value of each student and each instructor to determine the effects on the local economy. He added that the statistics can also be used to emphasize the roots of Aurora College and how to engage the people of the north in aboriginal high paying jobs and educating NWT residents. D/M Smith commended and thanked Mr. Jaque for his presentation. He highlighted some of the efforts made by Council on the Aurora College TEP Program that included; talking to the deputy minister regarding the Junior Kindergarten Program, questioned the foundation review process with the MLA and cabinet ministers, submitting motions to the NWTAC AGM, discussing infrastructure issues such as Breynant Hall and Mount Aven with the MLA's and cabinet ministers. He advised that Council has requested a public meeting with the MLA and it was denied. Mayor Napier-Buckley advised that the letter was submitted to the Aurora College consultant but has not gone to the MLA. D/M Smith advised that Council is waiting for the outcome of the Aurora College review. Mayor Napier-Buckley added that a request was made to the Minister of Education and the Aurora College to have a meeting with the public and the response was to complete a survey and submit a letter to the review. She has made complaints that the consultant did not meet with the Town when they were in Fort Smith to the minister and consulting firm. She also added that the programs need to be done in conjunction with a day care and that teachers and early childhood educators are the top jobs in the NWT which are arguments that need to be communicated with the deputy minister and the cabinet. Mr. Jaque indicated that Council's efforts in the last two years have failed and suggested changing their strategy. He suggested that Council bring the concerns to the Premier. Cr. Patel recommended putting forward a motion for the April 17, 2017 regular meeting of Council to invite the MLA, ministers and relevant organizations and discuss the Aurora College. Cr. McArthur would like to sign the petition. Cr. Holtorf thanked Mr. Jaque for his presentation. He indicated that there is no indication that Aurora College in Fort Smith is the corporate head office and that it is a community campus. He noted that over the years there is no high community engagement on the college. He indicated that in the past affirmative action is what encouraged people to enroll with the college. He suggested Council put together a strategic plan to increase community support and increase the value of the community and college campus. Cr. Dumont was impressed with the presentation and noted that Council is working to make this better, Cr. Dumont wanted to sign the petition.



D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

18-062 Moved by: Cr. Bell
Seconded by: Cr. Holtorf

That the minutes of Regular Meeting 02-18 of February 20, 2018 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

F. DECLARATION OF FINANCIAL INTEREST

Mayor Napier-Buckley and Cr. McArthur declared a financial interest with respect to Accounts Paid Part II

G. COUNCIL BUSINESS

a. Introduction and Consideration of Committee Reports

Corporate Services Standing Committee – Cr. McArthur asked if a letter of support was written for NWAL. Mayor Napier-Buckley advised she was out of the office last week and that it will be sent out.

18-063 Moved By: Cr. McArthur
Seconded By: Cr. Holtorf

That the attached Corporate Services Standing Committee minutes from March 6, 2018, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Accounts Paid Part I

18-064 Moved By: Cr. Patel
Seconded By: Cr. Tuckey

That the Accounts Paid List Part I for the period ending February 28, 2018, totaling \$776,859.23 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Napier-Buckley passed the chair to D/M Smith.

Mayor Napier-Buckley left the meeting.

Accounts Paid Part II

18-065 Moved By: Cr. Bell
Seconded By: Cr. Tuckey

That the Accounts Paid List Part II for the period ending February 28, 2018, totaling \$6,886.87 be approved.

IN FAVOUR – CR. PATEL, CR. TUCKEY, CR. DUMONT, CR. BELL, CR. HOLTORF
ABSTAINED – CR. MCARTHUR
CARRIED

Mayor Napier-Buckley entered the meeting.

D/M Smith passed the chair to Mayor Napier-Buckley.

Community Services Standing Committee

18-066 Moved By: Cr. Patel
Seconded By: Cr. Bell

That the attached Community Services Standing Committee minutes from March 6, 2018, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Briefing Note – Adult Hockey Tournament Donation Request – D/M Smith noted that \$200.00 was donated to the women’s hockey tournament. He indicated that minor hockey pays all their fees as well and suggested donating \$250.00. Cr. Tuckey agreed with D/M Smith as the hockey tournament is a cash tournament won by players, they have arrears, and are not managed well. Cr. Bell agreed with D/M Smith. Cr. McArthur agreed with D/M Smith. Administration advised that the Bylaw officer inspected the tournament venue and found that the changing rooms were trashed and that there were also complaints of people taking alcohol from the mezzanine area and drinking on the ice. He indicated that he is in the process of going through the user policy with the Recreation Hockey League and will deal with this through other disciplinary actions. Cr. Holtorf asked if there is a rental deposit system in place. Administration advised that there is no deposit system on rentals. D/M Smith suggested implementing a deposit system on facilities where there were past issues with renters. Administration advised that he will investigate options of implementing a deposit system.

18-067 Moved By: D/M Smith
Seconded By: Cr. McArthur

That the Town of Fort Smith donate \$250.00 to the Fort Smith Recreational Hockey League for the Wood Buffalo Frolics Hockey Tournament.

IN FAVOUR – CR. PATEL, CR. MCARTHUR, CR. DUMONT, CR. HOLTORF
OPPOSED – D/M SMITH, CR. TUCKEY, CR. BELL
CARRIED

Municipal Services Standing Committee – Cr. Bell indicated that she had received complaints on a taxi running with no insurance and asked if the Bylaw Officer has been made aware. Administration advised that the Bylaw Officer is enforcing the livery license bylaw.

18-068 Moved By: Cr. Dumont
Seconded By: Cr. Holtorf

That the attached Municipal Services Standing Committee minutes from March 6, 2018, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DPA-005-18 Marion Berls and Dave Purchase Home Occupation Permit

18-069 Moved By: Cr. Patel
Seconded By: Cr. Dumont

That DPA-005-18, submitted by Marion Berls and Dave Purchase, to operate a home occupation to sell arts and crafts, provide bookkeeping services, repair electronics, and provide forest fire consulting services from Lot 395, Plan 207, 38 Polar Crescent in Fort Smith be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Briefing Note – Water and Sewer Infrastructure Replacement Engineering Services

18-070 Moved By: Cr. Holtorf
Seconded By: Cr. Tuckey

That the Water and Sewer Infrastructure Replacement Engineering Services RFP contract be awarded to AECOM in the amount of \$358,675.00 plus GST.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Briefing Note – Landfill Expansion Engineering Services

18-071 Moved By: Cr. McArthur
Seconded By: Cr. Holtorf

That the Landfill Expansion Engineering Services RFP contract be awarded to REV North in the amount of \$177,756.00 plus GST.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b. Mayor and Council

i. Cr. Holtorf

Cr. Holtorf suggested that Council discuss the focus for the Thebacha Trade Show in April and suggested including cannabis legalization and the strategic plan. He suggested that discussion include the Aurora College and childcare services with respect to the Strategic Plan.

ii. Cr. McArthur

Cr. McArthur commended the public works department on the snow removal. He would like to wish all the athletes good luck for AWG.

iii. Cr. Bell

Cr. Bell was impressed with all the activities in town prior to the AWG. She thanked the delegates that made presentations. She thanked all volunteers and welcomed all visitors to Fort Smith.

iv. D/M Smith

D/M Smith advised that AWG uniforms are ready to be picked up by volunteers and that AWG still needs volunteers. He noted that the Gala Event tickets are being sold fast for special guests. He indicated that there is a VIP Reception on Tuesday March 20, 2018 at 6:30 at the Pelican and that Mayor and Council are invited. He provided feedback regarding the concern for elder seating at the AWG venues; he advised that the host society will be putting out signs at venues for people to offer out their seats to elders. He commended the volunteers for all their hard work in these past couple of years for AWG and wished all the participants good luck in Hay River and Fort Smith.

v. Cr. Patel

Cr. Patel thanked Administration for all the work towards the AWG.

vi. Cr. Dumont

Cr. Dumont thanked municipal workers on working evenings weekends to get ready for the AWG. He welcomed volunteers for transportation for the AWG. He advised that everyone is getting excited for AWG and that organizers and volunteers had some tough times in the past two years. He is looking forward to events and wished everyone the best.

vii. Mayor Napier-Buckley

Mayor Napier-Buckley advised that she is very excited for the AWG and welcomed all the people coming to the community. She advised that the cauldron lighting will be on Friday March 16, 2018 at 5:30 pm at the Arena. She indicated that the Town will be hosting a youth snow bash on Friday March 23, 2018. She noted that the bash will include portable stage at the riverside park, music, entertainment and hot chocolate for the youth. She advised that she will be volunteering for many hours and will be around the community and in the office.



c. Administration

Administration advised that the signs for AWG are ready and that they will be installed in Enterprise, Fort Smith and Fort Resolution junction and the Fort Smith airport road. He added that there are venue signs for the Arena, Landslide, and Recreation Centre. He indicated that the venue signs are in four languages and messages can be added to the signs. He advised that the banners have been installed to the street lighting poles and can be reused after the AWG. He advised that the cauldron lighting in Hay River will happen the same time as Fort Smith with hopes to live stream the event. He advised that the opening ceremonies will be live streamed at Aurora College on Sunday March 18, 2018 at 6:00 pm. He advised that Council is invited as VIP and there will be a pre-ceremony reception at 4:00 pm on Sunday March 18, 2018. He advised that there is an international recognition event on Tuesday March 20, 2018 at 6:30 pm at Dirty Ol' Fergies. He advised that the Gala Event is scheduled for Friday March 23, 2018 at 6:00 pm and will be followed by the youth snow bash. He advised that there will also be fireworks at 11:00 pm during the youth snow bash. He indicated that the closing ceremonies will be happening on Saturday March 24, 2018 and that Council is invited as VIP. He suggested that Council do an appreciation event after the AWG. He indicated that the board of revision met on Friday March 9, 2018 and that property issues have been resolved and updated so the Mill Rate Bylaw can be updated. He suggested having a special meeting of Council on March 24, 2018 to get updated property tax out before April.

I. **ABSENCE OF COUNCIL MEMBERS**

18-072 Moved By: Cr. Dumont
Seconded By: Cr. Holtorf

That Cr. Patel and Cr. Tuckey be excused from the Corporate Services Standing Committee Meeting on March 6, 2018.

IN FAVOUR – D/M SMITH, CR. MCARTHUR, CR. DUMONT, CR. BELL,
CR. HOLTORF
ABSTAINED – CR. TUCKEY, CR. PATEL
CARRIED

18-073 Moved By: Cr. Bell
Seconded By: Cr. Holtorf

That Cr. Patel and Cr. Tuckey be excused from the Community Services Standing Committee Meeting on March 6, 2018.

IN FAVOUR – D/M SMITH, CR. MCARTHUR, CR. DUMONT, CR. BELL,
CR. HOLTORF
ABSTAINED – CR. TUCKEY, CR. PATEL
CARRIED

18-074 Moved By: Cr. Dumont
Seconded By: Cr. Bell

That Cr. Patel and Cr. Tuckey be excused from the Municipal Services Standing Committee Meeting on March 6, 2018.

IN FAVOUR – D/M SMITH, CR. MCARTHUR, CR. DUMONT, CR. BELL,
CR. HOLTORF
ABSTAINED – CR. TUCKEY, CR. PATEL
CARRIED



18-075 Moved By: Cr. McArthur
 Seconded By: Cr. Bell

That Cr. Kikoak be excused from the Regular Meeting of Council on March 13, 2018.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

J. DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Corporate Services Standing Committee Meeting – April 3, 2018
 Community and Municipal Services Standing Committee Meetings – April 10, 2018
 Council Meeting 04-18– April 17, 2018

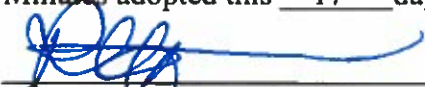
K. ADJOURNMENT

18-076 Moved By: Cr. McArthur
 Seconded By: Cr. Holtorf

That the meeting be adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Minutes adopted this 17th day of April, 2018.



 Mayor Lynn Napier-Buckley



 Certified Correct by the
 Senior Administrative Officer Keith Morrison

L. QUESTION PERIOD

A question period was offered in accordance with policy.